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Mr. Victor Riesel



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Dear Victor:

I am pleased to know that you are going to Europe to study labor conditions in Rome, Paris, Ankara, Vienna, Munich, Copenhagen, and London. I hope your trip will be a pleasant and beneficial one.

You were very kind to offer me an opportunity to do a guest column while you are out of the country. I am appreciative of the kind thoughts which caused you to do me this courtesy. I know that you understand why, much to my regret, I may not avail myself at this time of your offer.

Have a happy journey.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Remarks:

Stan:

The Director agrees with your recommendation that he not write a guest column for Victor Riesel while the latter is away. However, the boss very much appreciated Riesel requesting him to do this and asked that you prepare a little letter to Victor for his signature.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in Paragraph 4.
2. Victor Riesel is leaving New York on 3 July 1961 for a two month trip spending at least a week each in Rome, Paris, Ankara, Vienna, Munich, Copenhagen and London. He made two requests (1) that you write a guest column to be used by his syndicate while he is away. He is asking certain members of the Congress and the Cabinet officers he said to write guest columns. (2) He would like to know if we have any information that we would like to pass on to him regarding labor conditions in any of these places; if there is any one we would like to have him look up and if there is any way he can be helpful to the Agency. He said he originally intended to go as far as Tokyo and then the boycott of Japanese goods fizzled. Later he planned to go to India but he believed that the story has tapered off. He is going to London because he thinks that the Labor Party is getting into the hands of the wrong people. He is going to Copenhagen because he thinks there is unrest in the North countries. He will send us his itinerary.
3. I told Mr. Riesel I doubted very much that you would be able to grant his request for a column, appreciative as I know you would be at his thinking of you. He said he quite understands why you might not want to do it at this time but he did want to be

courteous and make an offer in case there was something that you might care to write on how to fight Communism. I am sending

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4. RECOMMENDATION: That you not write a guest column for Mr. Riesel.

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Assistant to the Director

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